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ABSTRACT / ZUSAMMENFASSUNG / ABREGE

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The present invention provides a container (1) for packaging food, in which a sheet (4) seals a vent hole (3) formed at a portion of the container (1) cannot so easily be peeled off but, when the food is heated by an microwave oven, the sheet (4) automatically comes off at the time when the food contained in the container has reached the adequately cooked state. Specifically, the present invention is produced by enclosing food, which contains water or an aqueous solution, in the container for packaging food, the container (1) for packaging food having, on one side thereof, a surface portion (2) made of plastic sheet, at least one vent hole (3), the vent hole being sealed by an adhesive hole-sealing sheet (5) whose vertical peeling strength is no less than 1N/cm in the temperature range of 40°C or lower and is no higher than 0.1N/cm at the temperature range of 80°C or higher.